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Abstract: This collection documents Blumer's tenure as Massachusetts Representative from the 6th Middlesex District from 2001 to 2006.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection documents Deborah Blumer's tenure as state representative from the 6th Middlesex District in the Massachusetts General Court from 2001 to 2006. The major topics covered are the state of health care and the environmental conditions at MCI Framingham prison, a moratorium on charter schools, funding for public education (especially for immigrants), access to affordable health care, and noise abatement along the Massachusetts Turnpike.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Deborah D. Blumer served as a Massachusetts Representative from the 6th Middlesex District in from 2001 to October 13, 2006, when she died of a heart attack. During that time, she served on various committees including Local Affairs, Counties and Regional Governments, Personnel and Administration, Post Audit and Oversight, and the Joint Committees on Higher Education, Children and Families, and Public Health. While in office, she co-sponsored bills on the health care and environmental conditions at MCI Framingham prison and on many aspects of access to health care and education for all, including immigrants. She repeatedly voted for a moratorium on charter schools, access to affordable health care, and term limits for the Speaker of the House. She repeatedly voted against the death penalty and banning gay marriage.

Blumer was born on October 18, 1941. She attended Framingham State College and Simmons College Graduate School of Management where she received an MBA. Before running for state representative, she served in local government as a member of the Framingham Finance Committee, the Framingham Town Meeting, the Ways and Means Committee, the Charter Commission, the Personnel Board, the Community Development Block Grant Committee, the School Capital Planning Committee, and the Open Space Committee. She also belonged to a number of organizations: the Metrowest Community HealthCare Foundation, the Framingham League of Women Voters, the Framingham Civic League, the Friends of Saxonville/Framingham Education Foundation, the Danforth Museum of Art, the Pheasant Hill Civic Association, the Sudbury Valley Trustees, the New England Wildlife Society, and the Framingham Community Partnership for Children. Blumer supported Israel and various Jewish causes. She was a champion of the rights of all immigrants, especially those of the Brazilian community in Framingham.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Arrangement

Materials are arranged by topic and, to some extent, chronologically within topics.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of the Caucus of Women Legislators, January 18, 2007.

Languages and Scripts

The materials are entirely in English.

Appraisal, Destruction, and Scheduling

The following items have been removed from the collection:

- Two GIS maps of Blumer's district originally included in this collection are now catalogued as part of the Library's map collection. One is a satellite photograph of the district and the other contains a smaller district photograph and accompanying demographic maps

Container List

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1	"Debby in the News" (news clippings about Blumer, Karen Spilka, Framingham)	2001-2004
1	Children In Need of Services (CHINS)	1987, 1994, 1998-2006
1	Family Law	2001
1	Housing	2001-2004
1	Diversity in Framingham Public Schools	2001
1	Education	2001-2003
1	Citizen Letters	2001
1	Clean Elections (Constituent Correspondence)	2001
1	Framingham College Graduates	2001
1	Caucus Sign-in	2002

1	Massachusetts Health Funding (Constituent correspondence)	2002
1	Privacy / Social Security / Identity Theft	2003
1	Citations for Constituents	2001-2004
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1	Request for Governor's Proclamation	undated
1	Framingham Votes Project	2003
1	Bilingual Education	2003
1	Children's Medical Security Plan (CMSP) Task Force	2002
1	Downtown Renaissance (Framingham)	2006
1	Drivers Licenses for Immigrants without Social Security Cards, H.2292	2003
1	Cochituate Rail Trail, Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA), and Framingham Residents (Correspondence)	2001-2005
1	Learning Center for the Deaf and Special Education Funding	2002
1	Framingham State College	2001-2003
1	Christa McAuliffe Center at Framingham State College: Funding	2003
1	Hospitals' Task force	2004
1	Framingham Lomonosov Association for Mutual Exchange: Sister City Project (FLAME is an all volunteer community-based organization formed to foster goodwill, understanding, and mutually beneficial exchanges between the citizens of Framingham, Massachusetts and its sister city <u>Lomonosov</u> , Russia.)	2003
1	Interns (Evaluations of them and by them)	2004
1	Immigrants	2004-2005
1	Massachusetts Bay Community College	2002
1	Meals on Wheels	2001
1	First Seniority and Metrowest Health Center	2002

1	Methadone Clinic	2002-2003
1	Charter School Tuition at Foundation Budge Level	undated
1	Charter School Moratorium	2003
1	Charter School Funding: Correspondence	2003
	MCI Framingham	
1	Prison Letters (Including Death of Kelly-Jo Griffen)	2003
1	Inmate Medical Grievance Procedures	2003
1	Prison Letters	2001
1	MCI Framingham and Female Offenders Documents	2005
1	Public Safety Hearing	2003
1	Kates, Emily, Paige Ransford, and Carol Cardoza. Women in Prison in Massachusetts: Maintaining Family Connections. Research Report. Boston: Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, University of Massachusetts Boston. 2005	2005
1	Environmental and Health Conditions	1998, 2003
1	Women in Prisons Research	1995-2006
1	Department of Correction Advisory Council Final Report on Female Offenders and Mental and Medical Health Services	2005
2	Female Offender Review Panel Final Report	2005
2	Female Offender Review Recommendations Retreat	2006
2	Kelly-Jo Griffen Investigation	undated
2	Metrowest Economic Research Center	2003-2004
2	Massachusetts Water Resource Authority (MWRA)	2004, 2006
2	Greater Callahan Open Space Plan	2000, 2005
2	Framingham Open Space and Recreation Plan	2003
2	Framingham Teenage Parenting Program	2003
2	New Beginnings Program (Wellness And Substance Abuse	2003

	Program, Framingham)	
2	South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC) vs. Stop Tax Exempt Private Property Sprawl (STEPPS) (Concern over spread of Social Service Facilities)	2005
2	School Building Assistance Program	2004
2	Sucker Pond Neighborhood Association	2002
2	Constituent Surveys	2004
2	Background Information on Noise Abatement	2002
2	START Framingham Partnership (Expand Cultural Activities to Promote Economic Development in Framingham Cultural Triangle)	2004-2005
2	Turnpike Noise and Sound Barrier Bond Bill	2002-2005
2	Budget Amendments	FY 2003
2	Juniper Hill Elementary School Tapestry (History of Massachusetts)	2003
2	Open Heart Surgery in Local Clinics	2001-2003
2	Turnpike Correspondence and Reports	2001-2002
2	Reauthorization of Federal Welfare Law Reform	2002
2	Draft Letters to Constituents	2004
	Constituents	
2	Letters	2002-2003
2	Letters Not Yet entered	2003
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2	Pending Cases	2002-2003
2	Letters Concerning Co-Sponsored Bills	2001-2003
2	Public Forums	2001-2002
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2	Letters to Officials concerning Bills	2003

2	Act Concerning Access to HealthCare	2005
2	Act and Related Correspondence	2005
2	Amendments 1-147 (2 folders)	2005
3	Open Space Project Group Scrap Book	undated
3	News Clippings	June, 2005- March, 2006
3	Town Meeting Membership Residency Act, H.4853	2004
	Charter Schools	
3	Moratorium Literature and Correspondence	2001-2004
3	Blumer's Correspondence	2002-2003
3	Amendment to Moratorium Bill	2003
3	Moratorium Literature and Correspondence	2003
3	Public Bidding, Lawsuits	2003
3	Final Application for Framingham Charter School	2000
3	Press Packet	2003
3	Pro-Moratorium Testimonies	2003
3	Budget and Bills	2005
3	Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents (MASS) Charter School Task Force	2004
3	Hearing	2005
3	"High Schools of the Future" (Conference)	2006
3	Chapter 636 Magnet Schools and Equal Education/Racial Imbalance Funding	2002
3	Gifted and Talented Students and Education	2003
	Turnpike Authority/Transportation	
3	Noise Abatement	2001-2002

3	Central Corridor Greenway	2002
3	Massachusetts Highway Project	2001
3	MBTA LIFT Bus Program	2001
3	Turnpike Tolls	2002
3	Tax Amendments 1438, 1431	2006
3	MCI Framingham: Health and Environment	2002-2004
3	MCI Framingham: Pre-Release Program at Hodder House H.3164	2001
3	Brazilian Community Association	2001
3	In-State Tuition (Immigrants)	2005
3	Gay Marriage and Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)	undated
3	Constitution Convention Definition of Marriage Debate	March, 2004
3	Marriage Affirmation and Protection Amendment: Constituent Correspondence (3 folders)	2003-2004
3	Alliance for Educational Equity (meetings)	2001
3	Joint Committee on Higher Education (meetings)	2005
3	Disability Policy Consortium	2001-2002
3	Environment	2003
3	University of Massachusetts Amherst: Budget Cuts (Correspondence)	2002
3	Testimony on Massachusetts Turnpike Noise	2002
3	Act Relating to Mercury Reduction and Education S.692 (Correspondence)	2003
3	Bottle Bill HB.1080	2003
3	Lead Paint Surcharge and Special Education	2001
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3	Single Payer	2003
3	Health Care for Massachusetts Campaign	2003
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3	Laurel Maure (Criminal Justice)	2001
3	Constituent Correspondence	2001
3	Housing	2001
4	Public School Education Survey	2001
4	Bicyclist's Bill of Rights and Responsibilities Survey	2001
4	Department of Medical Assistance and Medicaid	2001-2004
4	RAP Medical Supplies and AM-PM Supplies	2001
4	Early Retirement	2002
4	Letters Supporting Community Organization	2001
4	Constituent Letters and Responses (2 folders)	2001-2003
4	Two Way Bilingual Programs	2003
4	2006 Campaign	2006
4	Correspondence	2004-2005
4	Child Hunger / Aids Budget Legislative Effort (ABLE)	2002-2003
4	Family Planning, Domestic Violence, Contraception	2001, 2003
4	League of Women Voters	2004
4	Hospitals and Health Care	2001
4	Mental Health	2001-2004
4	Motorcycle Helmet Law Correspondence	2002-2003
4	Seniors: Prescription Advantage (House Plan)	2003
4	Councils on Aging	2001
4	Safe Driving Coalition	2003

4	Photographs	2004?
4	Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)	2004-2006
4	Act Further Regulating Eligibility For Police Civil Service Exam H.5041	2006
4	Act to Provide Parity for Local Public School Tuition Payment for Charter Schools H.1131	2005-2006
4	Photographs	2000-2006
4	Correspondence (Bill Related)	2005
4	General (2 folders)	2004-2006
4	Alliance for Equity	2001
4	General (Includes 2002 Che Guevara calendar)	2001-2003
4	News Clippings (2 folders)	Jan.-May, 2005
4	Correspondence (MBTA and General)	2003-2006
4	Resiliency for Life Program	2006
4	Correspondence	2006
4	E-Mails (2 folders)	2005-2006
4	Meeting with Chairman DeLeo: Chapter 70 Aid to School Districts	2006
4	Agenda	2006
4	Correspondence with Thomas Finneran, Speaker of the House	2001-2003
4	Budget Memos	2001
4	Technology	2001
4	Self-Sufficiency Standards Bill, H.2836	2001
4	ACCION USA (Economic Development Small Business)	2005
5	Backup to Charter School Moratorium, H.4825	2001
5	Budget: Correspondence	2002-2006
5	Budget: Amendments	2002-2004

5	Charter School Moratorium, H.4825	2003
5	Amendments and Backup	FY 2004
5	Newspaper Clippings	2006
5	MCI Framingham: Environmental and Health Care Conditions (Notes and Letters)	2004
5	MCI Framingham (Letters)	2003
5	Charter Schools (Funding)	2003-2004
5	Gay Marriage	2004
5	Health Care For All	2004
5	Charter Schools	2001
5	Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS): Registry	2003
5	Blumer's Legislative Session	2005
5	Blumer's Bills	2003
5	Zoning Variance Bill, H.3128	2003
5	State Police Widows' Retirement Allowance, H.1922	2004
5	Evaluation of Health Care and Environmental Conditions at MCI Framingham, H.1911	2004
5	Bilingual Education (General Information)	2003
5	Tax Credits for Corporations with Employee Benefits	2003
5	No Child to be Denied the Opportunity to Earn a High School Diploma	2002-2003
5	Charter School Moratorium	2003
5	MassHealth Basic, H.3751	2003
5	Exempting School Buses from Tolls, H.3272	2003
5	Relative to third Party Payments for Medical Services for Children, H.3638	2003
5	Tributes to Blumer	2006

	Prescription Drugs	
5	Forum	2003
5	Coverage for Seniors, H.3791	2003
5	H.2522	2001
5	Pregnancy Prevention for Adolescents on Medicaid, H.3790	2003
5	Appointment of Police Officials, H.4174	2003
5	Myositis Awareness Day, H.3970	2003
5	Evaluation of Health Care and Environmental Conditions at MCI Framingham, H.1911	2003
5	Mitigate Noise Pollution in the Metrowest Region	2003
5	Education Funding	2003
5	Equitable Reimbursement for Special Education, H.3067	2001
5	Emergency Shelters, H.3108	2001
5	Dual Language Immersion Budget Amendment Backup	2001
5	Amendments with many Sponsors	undated
5	Budget Amendments	undated
5	Defer Bilingual Education Changes	2004
5	Proposition 2 ½: Press Coverage (2 folders)	2002
5	Phone Cards Defined as Gift Certificates, H. 3695	2005
5	Contracting State Employees, H.477	2005
5	Small Claims Court, H.880	2005
5	Full-Day Kindergarten, H.1128	2005
5	Charter School Tuition Calculations, H.1129	2005
5	Standardizing Charter School Accounting Methods, H.1130	2005
5	School Funding Reform, H.1134	2005
5	Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents (MASS)-	2005

	Changes to Chapter 70 and Related Funding	
5	School Racial Balance, H.1135	2005
5	Prohibit the Use of Headers in Soccer, H.1137	2005
5	Third Party Payments to School Committees, H.1136	2005
5	Evaluate Health Services and Environmental Conditions at MCI Framingham, H.1806	2005
5	Establishing a Regional Transit Authority, H.2134	2005
5	Regulate Lights and Signage on Massachusetts Turnpike, H.2135	2005
5	No Child Be Denied the Opportunity to Earn a High School Diploma, H.1132	2005
5	Operation of Charter Schools, H.1133	2005
5	Adequate and Equitable Education Finance, H.1138	2005
5	Great Callahan Open Space and Greenway Plan, H.1338	2002-2005
5	Noise Abatement Adjacent to Massachusetts Turnpike, H.2137	2005
5	Toll Relief on Massachusetts Turnpike, H.2136	2005
5	Protect Homeowner's Insurance from Unfair Cancellation, H.1539	2005
5	Health Access and Affordability, H.2777, H.738 (2 folders)	2005
5	Other Blumer Co-Sponsor Bills	2005
5	Charities Bill, S.1074	2005
5	MCI Framingham	2002, 2005
5	Tax Credits to Corporations that Offer Daycare Benefits, H.2464	2005
5	Raffles and Bazaars and Taxes, H.2466	2005
5	Income Tax Exemption for Caregivers of Elderly Relatives, H.2488	2005
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5	Prescription Drug Fair Pricing Program, H.2683	2005

5	Protect Health Care and Emergency Professionals (Needle Bill), H.2699	2005
5	Enrollment Eligibility for Prescription Drug Insurance Program, H.2778	2005
5	Insurance Parity for Alcohol and Substance Abuse Treatments, H.3036	2005
5	Unemployment Insurance, H.3798	2005
5	Identify Innovative Ways to Enhance Community Preservation, H.3874	2005
5	Joint Committee on Children and Families	2005
5	Joint Committee on Public Health Executive Session	2006
5	Joint Committee on Higher Education	2005
5	Letters Co-Sponsoring Bills	2005
5	Juvenile Mental Health, H.2854	2006
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